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SUBJECT: UNHCR RESTRICTS DEALINGS TO CERTAIN RHODESIAN REFUGEE
ORGANIZATIONS

REF: A. STATE 216584, B. STATE 185702

1. AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL (B), AMBASSADOR CONTACTED BRITISH
AMBASSADOR AND WAS INFORMED THAT UK MISSION HAD RECEIVED LETTER
FROM DEPUTY UNHCR MACE WHICH CONTAINED SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION
AND MADE FURTHER INTERVENTION UNNECESSARY.

2. LETTER FROM MACE TO U.K. AMBASSADOR DATED AUGUST 5, 1977, IS
QUOTED BELOW:

QUOTE DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

I SHOULD LIKE TO REFER TO OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE
USE OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AS CONVEYED
TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN YOUR LETTER OF 20 MAY 1977.

IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA, AS IN
THE CASE OF OTHER REFUGEE SITUATIONS OF CONCERN TO HIM, THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER HAS ALWAYS TAKEN FULLY INTO CONSIDERATION THE PRO-
VISIONS OF HIS STATUTE AND THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL
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ASSEMBLY. AS YOU ARE AWARE, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE STATUTE COVERS
FULLY THE CONCERN OF YOUR GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE USE OF FUNDS
AS EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF YOUR LETTER.

IN THE CONTEXT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, AS ELSEWHERE, THE PRINCIPAL
INTERLOCUTOR OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF PLANNING
AND IMPLEMENTING UNHCR FINANCED PROJECTS REMAINS THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE COUNTRY OF ASYLUM. HOWEVER, THE ATTENTION OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER MAY BE DRAWN TO THE NEEDS OF SPECIFIC GROUPS OF REFUGEES BY INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS OR MOVEMENTS. SUCH REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE STUDIED ON THE BASIS OF A FACTUAL REVIEW BY HEAD-QUARTERS AND THE UNHCR FIELD OFFICES OF ACTUAL NEEDS OF THE REFUGEES CONCERNED. THE SOURCE OF ORIGIN OF THE REQUEST HAS LITTLE, IF ANY, INFLUENCE UPON THE EVALUATION OF NEEDS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE HUMAN SUFFERING. AS FOR THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, THE MODALITIES ARE DETERMINED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY OF ASYLUM. ADDITIONALLY, HE ENSURES THAT THE EXECUTING PARTNER HAS THE ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTENT OF THE PROJECT AND THE RELEVANT FINANCIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

I TRUST THAT THE ABOVE WOULD BE HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOLLOWED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN DISCHARGING THE DUTIES ENTRUSTED TO HIM BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MAY I, IN CONCLUSION, REITERATE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S APPRECIATION OF THE GENEROUS AND TIMELY CONTRIBUTION OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND ASSURE YOU THAT, AS ALREADY STATED IN OUR LETTER OF JUNE 21, IT WOULD BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, YOURS SINCERELY,

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CHARLES #. MACE, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER
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